

***Allostaffia*, a new genus name for *Staffia* Heinrich, 1999 (Allotheria, Haramiyida) preoccupied by *Staffia* Schubert, 1911 (Protista, Foraminifera)**

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Abstract

The genus name *Staffia* Heinrich, 1999 published for a Jurassic allotherian mammal from Tendaguru, Tanzania, is preoccupied by *Staffia* Schubert, 1911 (Protista, Foraminifera). A replacement name, *Allostaffia*, is proposed here.

Key words: Taxonomy, nomenclature, Allotheria, Haramiyida, *Staffia*, *Allostaffia*, Upper Jurassic, Tendaguru, Gondwana

Zusammenfassung

Der Gattungsname *Staffia* Heinrich, 1999, der für einen Haramiyiden (Mammalia, Allotheria) aus dem Oberjura von Tendaguru, Tansania (Ostafrika) vergeben wurde, ist durch *Staffia* Schubert, 1911 (Protista, Foraminifera) präokkupiert. Er wird daher durch den neuen Namen *Allostaffia* ersetzt.

Schlüsselwörter: Taxonomie, Nomenklatur, Allotheria, Haramiyida, *Staffia*, *Allostaffia*, Oberjura, Tendaguru, Gondwana

The name *Staffia aenigmatica* was proposed by Heinrich (1999) for the first haramiyid to be discovered in Gondwana. The taxon was named on the basis of an isolated cheek tooth, identified tentatively as a right lower posterior premolar (Heinrich 1999), recovered from the Upper Jurassic (Kimmeridgian-Tithonian) of Tendaguru in Tanzania, East Africa. Additional dental material, collected later from the same site was also assigned to this taxon (Heinrich 2001). This genus name was created to honour H. von Staff (1883–1915), who ran excavations of the German Tendaguru expedition in 1911.

Recently, Dr. Ch. F. Kammerer (in litt.) found that *Staffia* Heinrich, 1999 is preoccupied by the foraminiferan *Staffia* Schubert, 1911 and should be replaced according to the rules of the ICZN (1999). Therefore, I propose the substitute name *Allostaffia*. The replacement name is derived from the name of the German geologist and paleontologist H. von Staff and the Greek word for “different” or “other” (allós) referring to the systematic position of this genus within the allotherian mammals.

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